

**SUMMARY OF LIVESTOCK STATISTICS, YEAR 1937.****I. SHEEP AND WOOL.**

1. Number of Sheep. The sheep flocks on December 31st, 1937 numbered 8,904,402 (7,905,112) an increase of 958,657 on the record of 7,945,745 in 1935. The flocks were classified as follows :- Ewes 4,559,997 (4,240,738); Wethers 2,183,312 (1,960,268); Rams 118,771 (111,055). Under 1 year old 2,042,322 (1,593,051).

2. Breeds of Sheep were reported by owners as follows :- Merino 7,394,535, Corriedale 104,808, Dorset Horn 11,050, Leicester Border 7,417, Suffolk 4,042, Southdown 3,903, Romney Marsh 3,834, Polwarth 3,764, Shropshire 1,931, Ryelands 1,647, Leicester (English) 1,133, Lincoln 520, Hampshire Downs 158, Pure Breeds (not specified) 287, Merino Comeback 557,808, All other (including crossbred) 807,565.

3. Lambing, 1937. During 1937 3,662,227 (3,519,568) Ewes were mated and 2,476,804 (2,079,426) Lambs marked, percentage 67.63 (59.08). The lambs marked exceeded previous record by over 200,000.

4. Winter Lambing, 1938. 3,870,000 ewes were reported as either mated or intended to be mated for the Winter Lambing of 1938. In addition 180,000 ewes were expected to be reserved for Spring Lambing. Details for the 1938 winter lambing will be published next month.

5. Wool Clip. 8,654,764 (7,940,476) sheep and lambs were shorn the total clip including locks, bellies, pieces etc. being 74,893,269 (66,743,386) lbs; an increase of 3,980,284 lbs. on the record clip of 70,912,985 in 1935. The average fleece for sheep and lambs combined was 8.65 (8.41) and for sheep only 10.13 (9.72) lbs.

6. Total Wool Production. Subject to slight revision, it is estimated that the grand total wool production including the clip and wool fellmongered and wool on local skins exported was 85,500,000 (76,604,296) lbs., increase 8,895,705 lbs. value £4,000,000 (£4,360,062) decrease £360,062, the average value per lb. greasy being 11.28d. (13.66d.).

**II. CATTLE.**

1. Numbers. All kinds 324,163 (328,013) decrease 3,850. Dairying Cattle 164,903 (169,761) decrease 4,858, classified as follows:- In milk 122,447 (120,554), Dry 30,227 (36,181), and Heifers springing 12,229 (13,026). In addition there were 14,625 (16,626) other Heifers.

2. Butter and Cheese. Provisional 1937-38 Butter 22,500,000 (20,892,369) lbs. and Cheese 15,350,000 (12,164,819) lbs. Overseas Exports were - Butter 8,848,241 (7,291,690), Cheese 10,109,467 (7,289,309) lbs. The production of butter was approximately 1,500,000 lbs. and cheese 3,200,000 lbs. in excess of the previous records. The overseas export of cheese was 2,800,000 lbs. in excess of the record, while butter was the second highest.

III. HORSES 197,334 (200,870), decrease 3,536.

IV. PIGS 66,647 (85,043), decrease 18,401.

**V. GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL AND LIVESTOCK.**

During the year 1937 the percentage to the total of sheep outside Goyder's line of Rainfall increased from 28.52 to 30.82; Cattle 28.43 to 30.77 and Horses decreased from 28.12 to 26.60. The numbers within and without the line for 1937 were Sheep 6,159,853 and 2,744,549; Cattle 224,411 and 99,752; Horses 144,837 and 52,497.

**VI. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF STOCK.**

The State gained 39,378 head of Cattle, 378,883 Sheep and lost 1,463 Horses by transit of stock between States. The total interstate imports were - Sheep 458,329, Cattle 58,120, Horses 796 and Exports - Sheep 79,446, Cattle 18,742, Horses 2,259. Net Exports of Horses Overseas 218.

**VII. SLAUGHTERINGS.**

Sheep and Lambs 1,588,507 (1,697,498), Cattle 167,451 (166,468), Pigs 167,997 (172,989), Oversea Exports 1937-38 were - 376,893 (420,374) carcasses of lamb, 440 (458) carcasses of mutton, 991,863 (1,986,519) lbs. of pork, 506,321 (1,030,224) lbs. of beef, and 31,595 (29,967) lbs. veal.

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## 1. LIVESTOCK AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1937 IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 31st, 1936.

| Division         | SHEEP       |             | CATTLE      |             | HORSES      | PIGS        |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  | 1937<br>No. | 1936<br>No. | 1937<br>No. | 1936<br>No. | 1937<br>No. | 1937<br>No. |
| Central          | 1,899,302   | 1,737,415   | 111,582     | 115,330     | 57,091      | 35,096      |
| Lower North      | 1,274,195   | 1,096,034   | 31,813      | 33,450      | 38,230      | 12,105      |
| Upper North      | 887,823     | 647,139     | 17,827      | 16,778      | 13,455      | 2,938       |
| South Eastern    | 1,786,095   | 1,613,098   | 54,559      | 56,975      | 12,617      | 3,616       |
| Western          | 1,372,889   | 1,351,593   | 18,638      | 19,885      | 31,122      | 4,614       |
| Murray Mallee    | 743,849     | 634,964     | 28,265      | 30,741      | 32,380      | 8,226       |
| Total counties   | 7,964,153   | 7,080,243   | 262,684     | 273,159     | 184,895     | 66,595      |
| Outside counties | 940,249     | 824,869     | 61,479      | 54,854      | 12,439      | 52          |
| Total State      | 8,904,402   | 7,905,112   | 324,163     | 328,013     | 197,334     | 66,647      |
| Increase         | 999,290     | -40,633     | -3,850      | -7,341      | -3,536      | -18,401     |

## LIVESTOCK WITHIN AND WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL 1935 to 1937.

| Year                               | SHEEP     |       | CATTLE  |       | HORSES  |       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
|                                    | Total     | %     | Total   | %     | Total   | %     |
| WITHIN GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.  |           |       |         |       |         |       |
| 1935                               | 5,707,431 | 71.83 | 246,440 | 73.49 | 144,528 | 73.23 |
| 1936                               | 5,650,748 | 71.48 | 234,756 | 71.57 | 144,379 | 71.88 |
| 1937                               | 6,159,853 | 69.18 | 224,411 | 69.23 | 144,837 | 73.40 |
| WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL. |           |       |         |       |         |       |
| 1935                               | 2,238,314 | 28.17 | 88,914  | 26.51 | 52,840  | 26.77 |
| 1936                               | 2,254,364 | 28.52 | 93,257  | 28.43 | 56,491  | 28.12 |
| 1937                               | 2,744,549 | 30.82 | 99,752  | 30.77 | 52,497  | 26.60 |

## WOOL PRODUCTION

| Division       | WOOL - CLIP     |                 |                  | AVERAGE WEIGHT FLEECE |                 |                  |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                | 1937-38<br>lbs. | 1936-37<br>lbs. | Increase<br>lbs. | 1937-38<br>lbs.       | 1936-37<br>lbs. | Increase<br>lbs. |
| Central        | 15,045,866      | 14,292,629      | 753,237          | 8.18                  | 8.09            | .09              |
| Lower North    | 11,088,069      | 9,990,830       | 1,097,239        | 9.39                  | 8.88            | .51              |
| Upper North    | 8,287,130       | 6,082,222       | 2,204,908        | 9.60                  | 9.54            | .06              |
| South Eastern  | 14,274,617      | 11,911,482      | 2,363,135        | 7.99                  | 7.46            | .53              |
| Western        | 11,145,083      | 11,287,056      | -141,973         | 8.11                  | 8.00            | .11              |
| Murray Mallee  | 5,733,945       | 5,181,375       | 552,570          | 8.59                  | 8.68            | -.09             |
| Total Counties | 65,574,710      | 58,745,594      | 6,829,116        | 8.50                  | 8.23            | .27              |
| Outside "      | 9,318,559       | 7,997,792       | 1,320,767        | 9.89                  | 9.93            | -.04             |
| Total State    | 74,893,269      | 66,743,386      | 8,149,883        | 8.65                  | 8.41            | .24              |

Grand Total Wool Production (Clip, Fellmongered and on Skins exported) subject to slight revision, 1936-37 76,704,296 lbs., 1937-38 85,500,000 lbs., increase 8,895,704 lbs.

Minus sign denotes decrease.

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